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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

**In re Application of:**

**Raymond J. Beffa**

**Serial No.: 10/600,148**

**Filed: June 19, 2003**

**For: METHOD IN AN INTEGRATED  
CIRCUIT (IC) MANUFACTURING  
PROCESS FOR IDENTIFYING AND  
REDIRECTING IC'S MIS-PROCESSED  
DURING THEIR MANUFACTURE**

**Confirmation No.: 6251**

**Examiner: P. Assouad**

**Group Art Unit: 2857**

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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

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Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

Applicant submits herewith Part B - Fee(s) Transmittal for the above-captioned application and a check in the amount of \$1,685.00 in payment therefor plus five (5) copies of the patent when issued.

Also, enclosed is an Amendment Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312(a) (18 pages); Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance (2 pages); and Fee Addressee for Receipt of PTO Notices Relating to Maintenance Fees (2 pages).

Applicant understands that no additional fees are required. However, if the Office determines that any comparison fees or other additional fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fees to TraskBritt Deposit Account No. 20-1469. A copy of this Transmittal Letter is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

Respectfully submitted,



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Check No. 21177 in the amount of \$1,685.00  
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**COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE**

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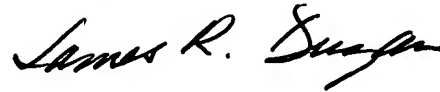
The Examiner indicates:

[T]he prior art of record does not suggest or disclose the claimed combination of method steps, most notably the claimed "storing data and a substantially unique identification code of each integrated circuit device . . . the data indicating a

process flow within the manufacturing process for each integrated circuit device . . . [and] directing the integrated circuit devices identified as having a process flow within the manufacturing process different from the process flow of the data stored of the integrated circuit devices to another process.”

Applicants concur with the reasons as stated by the Examiner insofar as they comprise a summary, and are exemplary and not limiting. However, the independent claims as allowed include other and different language than that specified by the Examiner, and the allowed dependent claims include other and further features and elements. Accordingly, the scope of the claims must be determined from the literal language of each as a whole, as well as equivalents thereof.

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